



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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Director

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TO: Hearing Officer *JN*

FROM: Jeantine Nazar
Zoning Permits East Section

SUBJECT: **Project No. R2013-00430-(5)**
Oak Tree Permit No. 201300008
HO Meeting: February 17, 2015
Agenda Item: 5

The above-mentioned item is a request to authorize a retroactive oak tree permit involving seven (7) oak trees associated with a grading project. This item was scheduled for a denial due to inactivity on April 15, 2014 at the Hearing Officer meeting, and continued to May 20, September 2, 2014 hearings, and January 6, 2015 as a discussion item in order for the applicant to provide a progress report.

On January 6, 2015, the Hearing Officer continued the hearing in order for the applicant to pay the additional fees for an oak tree permit with a public hearing and to provide the status of the case progress. The applicant has recently paid the required fees associated with the oak tree permit. The applicant conferred with staff regarding redesigning the project to include terraced retaining walls and submitting the revised plans in six weeks. Currently, the remedial grading plan proposes solid retaining walls. The terracing of the walls would ameliorate re-vegetation, the growth of the oak trees, and the visual impact.

Staff recommends that this case be continued to the April 21st Hearing Officer meeting, in order for the applicant to submit the revised plans to the Building and Safety office and to provide a project timeline to Regional Planning.

If you need further information, please contact Jeantine Nazar at (213) 974-6435 or jnazar@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

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